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Title:Need to increase budgetary allocation for agriculture and allied services in proportion to agriculturist populations.

SHRI S.D. MANDLIK (KOLHAPUR): The total budget allocation for agriculture and allied activities including rural development is only 20% of Central and States budgets. In the absence of sufficient input the farm production has not increased to the desired level. In addition to this, the farmer has to depend on rain fall and unsure water supply. Only way out of this is to make sufficient provision to increase irrigation potential by investing in irrigation projects.

In the year 2005-06 and 2006-07 Central Government has made provision for irrigation to the extent of only 0.25% and 0.20% respectively. Considering the vast requirement of water for agriculture, irrigation, drinking and industrial use this allotment has to be increased many folds.

Through your good offices Sir, I request the Hon'ble Prime Minister and the Finance minister to increase this allocation in proportion to the population ratio of 65% agriculturalist population and oblige.